

April 27, 2022

**McKEESPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
April 27, 2022**

Presiding Mindy Lundberg, President

Date, Time, Place Wednesday, April 27, 2022, 7:30 PM, Board Room, Administration Building, McKeesport Area School District, 3590 O'Neil Boulevard, McKeesport, PA 15132.

Opening Exercises Ms. Lundberg called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM followed by the Pledge to the Flag. We met in Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss personnel and potential litigation items and issues.

Present James Brown
Diane Elias
Dan Goughnour
Steve Kondrosky
Joe Lopretto
Mindy Lundberg
Latoya Wright

David Donato - ABSENT
Matthew Holtzman - ABSENT

Others Present Dr. Mark Holtzman, Superintendent
Dr. Tia Wanzo, Assistant Superintendent
R. Scott Domowicz, Business Manager/Board Secretary
Charles Kiss, Treasurer
Gary Matta, Solicitor

AMENDED AGENDA ITEM – Mr. Brown moved to add this item to the agenda: Board action to retain the engineering firm PVE to review the Founders' Hall foundation and roof and possibly develop an RFP for repairs for the building not to exceed \$7,500. Seconded by Mrs. Wright.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mrs. Elias, Ms. Lundberg, Mrs. Wright

Voting no: Mr. Goughnour, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto

Absent: Mr. Donato, Mr. Holtzman

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Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mrs. Elias, Mr. Goughnour, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Lundberg, Mrs. Wright

Absent: Mr. Donato, Mr. Holtzman

Board President's Remarks – I'm going to keep my remarks very short because we have a lot of people here today and a lot of exciting things to celebrate and to go over this evening. I do want to thank Senator Brewster and I know Mr. Lopretto would like to elaborate on that a little more. There were some concerns about traffic at Twin Rivers and Senator Brewster has been able to secure some funding for us. Mr. Lopretto: I would like to thank Senator Brewster for obtaining the funding in the amount of \$150,000 for McKeesport Area School District. The funds obtained can be used to make our school zones at Francis McClure and Twin Rivers a lot safer for our students, parents and staff. The funds could be for purchasing solar powered zones to slow drivers down and hopefully get law enforcement up there to monitor the flow of traffic.

Superintendent's Report – We have a number of presentations to give tonight. I want to share that Mr. Donato is unable to be here tonight due to a medical emergency. He championed this idea along with the Board to determine that somebody was very deserving to be entered into the McKeesport Area School District Hall of Fame. That conversation started a year ago when we didn't have a Hall of Fame celebration due to COVID restrictions and challenges so Mr. Donato in February under new business made a motion to recognize this individual as the one and only class to be entered into the Hall of Fame. At this time, I would like to recognize Mayor Louis M. Washowich's family and present them with this awesome plaque that we had made highlighting being part of the McKeesport Area School District Hall of Fame. Next, we are going to recognize some of our student athletes. We have two groups this evening that had incredible seasons and Mr. Kiss is going to take the time to recognize the Bowling Team and the Girls Basketball team. Dr. Holtzman gave a presentation on the preliminary budget. Presentations were given on Traffic and zones and also by ABM for work at Founders' Hall.

Treasurer's Report – Mr. Goughnour moved to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2022. Seconded by Mrs. Elias.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mrs. Elias, Mr. Goughnour, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Lundberg, Mrs. Wright

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Absent: Mr. Donato, Mr. Holtzman

Hearing of Citizens – NONE

Minutes – Mr. Lopretto moved to approve the minutes of the Open Agenda/Regular Meeting of March 22, 2022. Seconded by Mrs. Wright.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mrs. Elias, Mr. Goughnour, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Lundberg, Mrs. Wright

Absent: Mr. Donato, Mr. Holtzman

Bills – Mr. Kondrosky moved to approve the list of bills. Seconded by Mr. Goughnour.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mrs. Elias, Mr. Goughnour, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Lundberg, Mrs. Wright

Absent: Mr. Donato, Mr. Holtzman

Refunds – Mrs. Elias moved to approve the tax refunds as presented. Seconded by Mrs. Wright.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mrs. Elias, Mr. Goughnour, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Lundberg, Mrs. Wright

Absent: Mr. Donato, Mr. Holtzman

Calendar – Mr. Lopretto moved to approve the 2022/2023 Board meeting calendar. Seconded by Mrs. Elias.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mrs. Elias, Mr. Goughnour, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Lundberg, Mrs. Wright

Absent: Mr. Donato, Mr. Holtzman

Budget – Mrs. Elias moved to adopt the preliminary budget in the amount of \$79,772,968 with a millage rate of 20.96 mils as presented. Seconded by Mrs. Wright.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mrs. Elias, Mr. Goughnour, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Lundberg, Mrs. Wright

Absent: Mr. Donato, Mr. Holtzman

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Music – Mr. Kondrosky moved to approve the Summer Music Program of 27 hours Brass, 27 hours Woodwinds, 26 hours Percussion, 40 hours Strings, and 60 hours for High School Marching Band instruction and pre band camp. Seconded by Mrs. Elias.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mrs. Elias, Mr. Goughnour, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Lundberg, Mrs. Wright

Absent: Mr. Donato, Mr. Holtzman

Summer Program – Mr. Lopretto moved to approve the following programs:

- A. Summer School Program (DH Education Solutions)
- B. Camp Invention
- C. C.A.N.O.E.S
- D. T.I.M.E

Seconded by Mr. Goughnour.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mrs. Elias, Mr. Goughnour, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Lundberg, Mrs. Wright

Absent: Mr. Donato, Mr. Holtzman

Proposal – Mr. Kondrosky moved to accept the proposal from the Nutrition Group for food service management for the 22/23 school term with a financial guarantee of \$3,030.48. Seconded by Mrs. Elias.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mrs. Elias, Mr. Goughnour, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Lundberg, Mrs. Wright

Absent: Mr. Donato, Mr. Holtzman

AIU – Mr. Goughnour moved to approve the Covid Compensatory Services (CCS) Programming from June 7, 2022 through July 14, 2022, with the exception of Fridays. Seconded by Mr. Lopretto.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mrs. Elias, Mr. Goughnour, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Lundberg, Mrs. Wright

Absent: Mr. Donato, Mr. Holtzman

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ESY – Mrs. Wright moved to approve the Extended School Year Programming from June 7, 2022 through July 14, 2022, with the exception of Fridays. Seconded by Mrs. Elias.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mrs. Elias, Mr. Goughnour, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Lundberg, Mrs. Wright

Absent: Mr. Donato, Mr. Holtzman

TABLED - Tax Exoneration –Mrs. Wright moved to TABLE the Requests from Tri-Cog Land Bank for Tax Exoneration per Solicitor’s request as presented. Seconded by Mr. Brown.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mrs. Elias, Mr. Goughnour, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mrs. Wright

Voting No. Ms. Lundberg

Absent: Mr. Donato, Mr. Holtzman

Transportation – Mr. Brown moved to authorize the District Administration and Solicitor to negotiate a contract with Krise transportation, final agreement to be reviewed and approved by School Board of Directors. Seconded by Mrs. Wright.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mrs. Elias, Mr. Goughnour, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Lundberg, Mrs. Wright

Absent: Mr. Donato, Mr. Holtzman

NOT APPROVED-Resolution – Mr. Goughnour moved to adopt Resolution #1299, as presented by Bond Counsel, authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Unit Debt Act, for the purpose of refunding the School District’s outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2017 and General Obligation Bonds, Series B of 2017, provided certain savings levels can be achieved. Seconded by Mrs. Wright.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mrs. Elias, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Lundberg

Voting No. Mr. Goughnour, Mr. Kondrosky, Mrs. Wright

Absent: Mr. Donato, Mr. Holtzman

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Resolution – Mrs. Elias moved to approve Resolution #1300 – Student Discipline. Seconded by Mrs. Wright.

Voting aye. Mrs. Elias, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Lundberg

Voting No. Mr. Brown, Mr. Goughnour, Mr. Kondrosky, Mrs. Wright

Absent: Mr. Donato, Mr. Holtzman

Agreement – Mr. Goughnour moved to approve the sponsorship agreement with Teall Properties Group, LLC in the amount of \$5,000. Seconded by Mrs. Elias.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mrs. Elias, Mr. Goughnour, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Lundberg, Mrs. Wright

Absent: Mr. Donato, Mr. Holtzman

Green Sheets – Mr. Goughnour moved to approve the personnel recommendations (Green Sheets). Seconded by Mrs. Elias.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mrs. Elias, Mr. Goughnour, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Lundberg, Mrs. Wright

Absent: Mr. Donato, Mr. Holtzman

**McKEESPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
PERSONNEL ITEMS**

April 27, 2022 –APPROVED

ACT 93:

TO BE HIRED: Effective 07-01-22:

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| 1. | Joe Lamenza
(Sweda/Lusebrink) | Assistant Principal, placement to be determined.
Yearly salary \$85,000.00 (260 days) |
| 2. | Juan Butler
(New Position) | School Environment Coordinator
Yearly salary \$48,400.00 (200 days) |

PROFESSIONAL:

RESIGNATION: Effective 06-03-22:

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| 1. | Nicholas Sportelli | Collision Repair Teacher, High School CTC. |
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TO BE HIRED: Effective 08-16-22:

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| 1. | Michael Guzik
(Kikuchi) | Music Teacher, Founders' Hall Middle School.
Step 1B Salary \$41,778.00 |
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LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

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| 1. | Allison Attenberger | Elementary Counselor, Twin Rivers Elementary School, leave of absence effective approximately 05-26-22 to an undetermined date. |
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BOARD ACTION TO **CREATE** THE FOLLOWING PROFESSIONAL POSITION EFFECTIVE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR (position is funded by DSGF):

Learning and Relationship Specialist at Twin Rivers Elementary School

RESIGNATION: Extra Curricular Athletics effective immediately:

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| 1. | Gerald McGrew | 7/8 Grade Track Coach (shared) |
| 2. | David Mackowiak | Assistant Softball Coach |

TO BE HIRED: Extra Curricular Athletics for the 2021-2022 school year:

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| 1. | Jesse Johns | 7/8 Grade Trach Coach (shared) | \$1,274.95 |
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PROFESSIONAL:

TO BE HIRED: Extra Curricular Athletics for the 2022-2023 school year:

1.	Milan Kiska	Swimming Coach	\$5,675.85
2.*	Dana Brown Sr.	9 th Grade Football Coach	\$2,865.18
3.	Juan Butler	7/8 Grade Football Coach	\$2,865.18

CHANGES TO THE SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST:

ADDITIONS:

1.*	James Reed	Social Studies
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SUPPORT STAFF:

RETIREMENT: Effective 06-30-22:

1.	Emil Stepanik, III	Custodian, High School.
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RESIGNATION:

1.	John Baker	General Worker, Food Service Department, effective 03/18/22.
2.	Paul Kneash	General Worker, Food Service Department, effective immediately.
3.	Mary Jo Dirle	General Worker, Food Service Department, effective immediately.
4.	Cassidy Drake	Instructional Assistant, effective immediately.

TO BE HIRED: Effective immediately:

1.	Taylor Angel (Morris/Stokes)	Tax Clerk, Administration Building Category 6 Step 1 Salary \$28,100.00 (pro-rated)
2.	Catherine Maiorano (Mackowiak)	Head Payroll Clerk, Administration Building Step 1 Salary \$37,897.00 (pro-rated)

CHANGES TO THE SUBSTITUTE LIST:

ADDITIONS:

1.*	Taleese Wright	Secretary
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SUPPORT STAFF:

TO BE HIRED: Summer laborers in the maintenance department effective 06-01-22. Hourly rate of pay will be \$8.25/hour:

1.* Madison Kwiecinski (DocuTech)

*Pending receipt of Act 24, 24, 114 and 151 clearances, Act 168 Disclosure Release, T.B. Tine Test and Drug Test

**Step placement pending employer verification.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Athletic – Jim Brown/Dan Goughnour/Steve Kondrosky – Mr. Brown reported, we did meet today and pretty much everything that happened tonight was discussed. We are going to have a partnership with Six Star. Its something that we haven't have here in a long time, its products, weight conditioning. It's a lot of free stuff. It's \$20,000 worth of products and an extra \$5,000.

Buildings & Grounds – Steve Kondrosky/Jim Brown – Mr. Kondrosky reported, Mr. Balogh and myself met this afternoon. Most of the what he was doing was HVAC in most of the buildings. The sandpit and shotput on the track were taken care of. Field preparation for baseball and softball and taking care of the grounds district wide. This has been a huge task and they are doing a fabulous job based on the number of guys they have doing this work.

Community Relations/Cultural Diversity – Diane Elias/Latoya Wright – Mrs. Elias reported, Dr. Wanzo and I met last Wednesday the 21st. Dick's gave us an update on the summer program, they have 413 students registered already and the closing day is May 6th. They had a Scholastic book fair and all students received a book. They also did a groomed to grow event on the 12th that was really nice.

Education/Legislation/Policy – Diane Elias/Dan Goughnour/Latoya Wright – NO REPORT

Finance/Grants/Outside Funding – James Brown/Latoya Wright – Mrs. Wright reported, we didn't meet this month.

Personnel – Diane Elias/Steve Kondrosky – Mr. Kondrosky reported, we did have a meeting and tonight's green sheets reflected that.

Safe Schools – Dan Goughnour – Mr. Goughnour reported, we last Wednesday the 20th. We heard from all building principals, we got a camera update which is approximately 40% done at the high school building. There was some talk about the school zones.

Solicitor's Report – The only report I have is action item #13, even though it was a 4-3 vote, it is required to have majority of the board and that requires 5 votes so it did not pass and would have to be readdressed in the future.

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Correspondence – NONE

New Business – NONE

Adjournment – 9:19 PM – Mr. Kondrosky moved for adjournment. Seconded by Mrs. Elias.

ATTEST:



R. Scott Domowicz, Business Manager/Board Secretary